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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Smith of New Haven, Bock of Chester,
Buckholz of Hartford, Graham of Williamstown, Higley of
Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Lawrence of Lyndon, Norris of
Shoreham, and Partridge of Windham

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Agriculture; water quality; manure management; community digester

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a pilot program to fund and operate an anaerobic digester for the management of manure from multiple farms within a community or region. The pilot project would allow all farms, regardless of size or location within a community, access to the anaerobic digester for the management of manure. The community anaerobic digester would eliminate the need for farmers to land-apply manure, which would reduce agricultural runoff to waters and help the State improve water quality in the watershed of the community anaerobic digester. The pilot project would begin with the development of a scope of work by a qualified university or nonprofit organization for the purpose of identifying communities or regions of the State where it is technologically, economically, and logistically feasible to site a community anaerobic digester.

1 An act relating to establishing a community anaerobic digester pilot project

2 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

3 (TEXT OF BILL OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)